

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 237A.12, the Department of Human Services hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 109, “Child Care Centers,” Chapter 110, “Child Development Homes,” and Chapter 120, “Child Care Homes,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments revise the rules to require that child care providers report to the Department serious injuries that occur in child care settings. As a result, better data will be maintained allowing parents to make better-informed decisions regarding child care for their children.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before April 18, 2017. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations because requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 237A.12.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Rescind subrule 109.10(10) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

109.10(10) Recording incidents.

a. Incidents involving a child, including minor injuries, minor changes in health status, or other minor behavioral concerns, shall be reported to the parents, guardians, and legal custodians on the day of the incident. Incidents resulting in an injury to a child shall be reported to the parent on the day of the incident.

b. Incidents resulting in a serious injury, as defined in Iowa Code section 702.18, to a child in the child care facility or in the care of child care facility staff or incidents resulting in a significant change in the health status of a child shall be verbally reported to the parents, guardians, and legal custodians immediately.

(1) Serious injuries shall be reported to the department within 24 hours of the incident.

(2) Serious injuries shall be documented and information maintained in the child’s file as required by subrule 109.9(2).

c. The parents, guardians, and legal custodians of any child included in incidents involving inappropriate, sexually acting-out behavior shall be notified immediately after the incident. A written report fully documenting every incident shall be provided to the parent or person authorized to remove the child from the center. The written report shall be prepared by the staff member who observed the incident, and a copy shall be retained in the child’s file.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **110.8(1)“s”**:

s. Serious injuries.

(1) Serious injuries, as defined in Iowa Code section 702.18, that occur in a child care facility or when a child is in the care of child care facility staff shall be reported to the department within 24 hours of the incident.

(2) Serious injuries shall be documented and information maintained in the child’s file as required by subrule 110.9(4).

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **120.8(1)“p”**:

p. Serious injuries.

(1) Serious injuries, as defined in Iowa Code section 702.18, that occur in a child care home or when a child is in the care of child care home staff shall be reported to the department within 24 hours of the incident.

(2) Serious injuries shall be documented and information maintained in the child’s file as required by subrule 120.9(2).